

what you are doing is accomplishing a lot for Him or whether you are falling down and failing to utilize the potentialities you have to accomplish His purposes. As Kipling said in his poem, If we can look at triumph and disaster and treat these two imposters just the same. Well of course, that's over extreme. If the disaster is our fault if it's our laziness, our failure to persevere, our failure to think things through, our failure to accomplish His purposes that's one thing. But if it's a disaster because we are placed at the point and doing our best at the particular point where it is God's will that those forces succeed there a bit, while in another sector He is causing His forces to move forward it is then no cause for us to feel terribly upset. But to realize that no matter what the disaster, if it comes to our lives, God has purposes in it for us, and He may have great purposes in our development, in our sanctification, in what seems to us to be disaster and difficult.

And similarly the other aspect -- the triumph, God wants us to rejoice in the signs we find of effectiveness of accomplishment, but He does not want us to become -- to glorify ourselves or to become too excited about triumph because it may be simply the situation that makes it easy for it to come. It may be our hard work that is a big factor that He has used, but it is His causing His glory, His purposes that are the real determining factor in any case.

Well I think that will be enough on the census for now. And we will move on to

#### C. Chapter 2. The Arrangement of the Camp.

reading about

This seems to the person interested in the great events which we found in the last part of Exodus, and the great events that are coming in later chapters in Numbers, we feel what -- it's rather boring to read where the tribe of Gad is and where the tribe of Reuben is and where the tribe of Manasseh is, and the position of the Levites in the center around the Tabernacle, the arrangement of the camp. It seems to us perhaps not so important. But the Lord has put it here in order to stress to us the fact that orderliness, definite plan, definite arrangement for contingencies is vital. God does not simply lead His people helter skelter. God comes in in emergencies and